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REVIEW OF THE WORKING OF ESIS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had set up Committee under the chairmanship of Shri M.C. Verma to review the working of the Employees State Insurance Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee has since submitted its report;

(d) if so, the salient features of the recommendations made by the committee; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Committee was set up in August, 2002 under the Chairmanship of Shri M.C. Verma to review to working of the ESIC.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The Committee has made recommendations to optimize the working of ESIC. The Committee has, inter-alia, recommended to enhance the coverage of ESIC, extension of ESI Scheme to unorganized sector workers, increase in the wage ceiling for coverage of the scheme, raising of the ceiling on expenditure, and that the concept of Model Hospitals should be vigorously pursued, that there should be computerization and simplification of procedures.

(e): The Committee has made a comprehensive study of the ESI Scheme and suggested methods for its improvement; which have to be examined by the ESI Corporation for their implementation.